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SUBJ: VE DAY CELEBRATIONS: REWRITING OF HISTORY

AND TOUGH ATTACK ON WEST

1. SUMMARY: POLITBURO MEMBER ANTAL APRO GAVE VE DAY SPEECH MAY 8 ACCUSING WEST OF TRYING TO FALSIFY HISTORY AND BELITTLE DECISIVE ROLE OF USSR IN VICTORY OVER NAZI GERMANY. HE DOWNGRADED ROLE OF WESTERN ALLIES IN DEFEATING AXIS, IMPLYING THAT THEIR EFFORTS WERE OF SECONDARY IMPORTANCE. USED OCCASION TO LAUNCH STROFQ ATTACK AGAINST "IMPERIALISTS" FOR HAVING BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR RISE OF FASCISM AND ITS CRIMES, AND PLACED BLAME ON WEST FOR COLD WAR, MILITARY BLOCKS AND NUCLEAR THREATS, AND FOR RESORTING TO "NEO-FASCISM". APRO GAVE HEAVY COVERAGE TO PRESENT "CRISIS OF CAPITALISM" REMINDING HIS AUDIENCE THAT "IMPERIALISM" NOW OPPRESSES HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS. REFERRED TO DETENTE BY SAYING THAT  
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WORLD WAR II COOPERATION OF ALLIES COMPOSED OF DIFFERENT

SOCIAL SYSTEMS IS LESSON FOR PRESENT-DAY COOPERATION.  
SPEECH OF APRO UNUSUALLY HARD LINE, PARTICULARLY IN  
ATTEMPT TO LINK CAPITALIST WEST WITH NAZI GERMANY.  
END SUMMARY.

2. IN HIS MAY 8 ADDRESS COMMEMORATING VE DAY, APRO GAVE  
ALMOST FULL CREDIT TO SOVIETS FOR DEFEAT OF "GERMAN  
FASCISM", IMPLYING THAT ALLIED EFFORT OF SECONDARY  
IMPORTANCE. CLAIMED THAT "IN CAPITALIST WEST THERE  
ARE MANY ATTEMPTS BEING MADE TO SLANDER SOVIET ARMY AND  
FALSIFY REAL SITUATION", ADDING THAT "THOSE IN WEST WHO  
TRY TO BELITTLE INTERNATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE OF VICTORY  
OF USSR FIND THEMSELVES AT ODDS WITH PEOPLE'S MEMORIES  
AND HISTORICAL TRUTH". SAID CAPITALIST COUNTRIES WERE  
DEFEATED ONE BY ONE UNTIL SOVIET ARMY HALTED AND DROVE  
BACK NAZIS.

3. IN SAME SENTENCE THAT HE ACKNOWLEDGED CONTRIBUTION  
OF WESTERN ALLIES, APRO SAID THAT "WE CANNOT PASS OVER  
IN SILENCE RESPONSIBILITY OF INTERNATIONAL IMPERIALISM  
FOR ADVANCE OF FASCISM, FOR ITS CRIMES, FOR WARTIME  
SACRIFICES. HITLERISM WAS NOT ALONE IN PLANNING OF  
AGGRESSION AGAINST SOVIET UNION." SAID THAT IN PRE-WAR  
PERIOD "RULING CIRCLES OF IMPERIALIST POWERS REGARDED  
GERMAN FASCISM AS THEIR CLASS ALLY AGAINST WORLD'S  
FIRST SOCIALIST STATE". HE PRAISED PARTISAN MOVEMENTS  
IN EUROPE.

4. APRO BLAMED WEST FOR INTRODUCING COLD WAR, MILITARY  
BLOCKS, ECONOMIC BLOCKADES, ARMS RACE AND OTHER TYPES  
OF "IMPERIALIST AGGRESSION", INCLUDING "COUNTERREVOLUTIONARY  
CONSPIRACIES". HE ACCUSED "IMPERIALISTS" OF "RESORTING  
TO NEO-FASCISM TODAY". STRESSED THAT PRESENT CRISIS IN  
"CAPITALIST WORLD SYSTEM" RESPONSIBLE FOR WHOLE RAFT OF  
SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC ILLS. HE WARNED AUDIENCE THAT  
"IMPERIALISM REMAINS STRONG AND DANGEROUS ADVERSARY;  
IT OPPRESSES PEOPLE, KEEPS HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS IN  
SPIRITUAL SHACKLES AND DISPOSES OVER VAST ECONOMIC,  
TECHNOLOGICAL AND MILITARY POTENTIAL".

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5. ALTHOUGH HE MAY HAVE USED PRESENCE OF HIGH-RANKING  
SOVIETS AS OCCASION TO DEMONSTRATE HSWP LOYALTY TO  
MOSCOW LINE, APRO'S SPEECH WAS UNUSUALLY NASTY,  
PARTICULARLY IN ATTEMPT TO LINK NAZISM AND WESTERN  
ALLIES. DOWNGRADING OF ALLIES' ROLE IN WW II CLOSELY  
PARALLELS THAT OF GRECHKO, BUT APRO APPEARS TO HAVE  
GONE FARTHER THAN BREZHNEV IN ATTACKING WEST.  
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